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LODI HIGH SCHOOL, PART II

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Unification of the Lodi School District in 1911 added Alpine, Henderson, Houston, Lafayette, Live Oak, Lockeford, Victor and Woods to the district. After the election of a new school board, the people and the board soon realized that a new high school building was necessary. To meet the present needs as well as needs of the future a bond of

\$150,000 was needed. It was only a short time before the vote on the bond that women in California were given the right to vote. This bond election would be the first time many women would exercise their voting privilege.

There was some opposition to the bonds thus a lively campaign ensued. Mr. Inch, the principal of the schools in Lodi, along with the board and several citizens spoke and campaigned for the bond. Students and teach-

ers wrote convincing articles for local papers favoring the bond. "Vote for the bonds" buttons were distributed in the community and Miss Agnes Wright led the students in singing campaign songs that members of the senior class had written.

An article taken from the school annual of 1912 reads, "On the evening before the bond election day a big High School rally was held under the Tokay Arch. Led by James Clausen, the yell team and the High School Boys serpentined about a huge bonfire singing songs and giving, with great volume, the yells of the Lodi High School. Bells were rung, anvils sent off, and the town rang with the rallying cheers."

After the rally, all walked to the opera house where citizens and



Inset: Feb. 13, 1913; School children marching to the Cornerstone Laying for Lodi High School, Ed Spiekerman on left. Lodi Union High School, 1913. ▲ The parade started at the Masonic Temple, on Sacramento and Elm Streets. Grand Master was William P. Filmer.



▲ Thursday, February 13, 1913; the cornerstone of the Lodi Union High School was laid by the California Masonic Grand Lodge.

students gave yells, sang and listened to speeches given by leading citizens. On Election Day, the pupils from two grammar schools marched to the high school and were joined by the students there. They proceeded up Sacramento Street to the Arch where they sang "America." They then scattered over the town to "get out the vote." The votes were counted at six o'clock and again yells, horns and voices were heard as the count of 931 for the bond and 366 against was announced.

On Thursday, February 13, 1913, the cornerstone of the Lodi Union High School Building was laid; the

California Masonic Grand Lodge conducted the ceremonies. A procession formed at the corner of Sacramento and Elm Streets and marched west on Pine Street and South on Hutchins to the school site. The Knight Templars led the procession followed by the Lodi Band, Master Masons, Lodi Union High School Students and Teachers, and then the grammar school students and teachers. A large number of citizens assembled and enjoyed the program.

On October 6, 1913, the new high-school buildings (three) were ready for students. They gathered up their books and possessions and

walked to their new school. The spacious halls and all the conveniences bewildered the students and teachers alike.

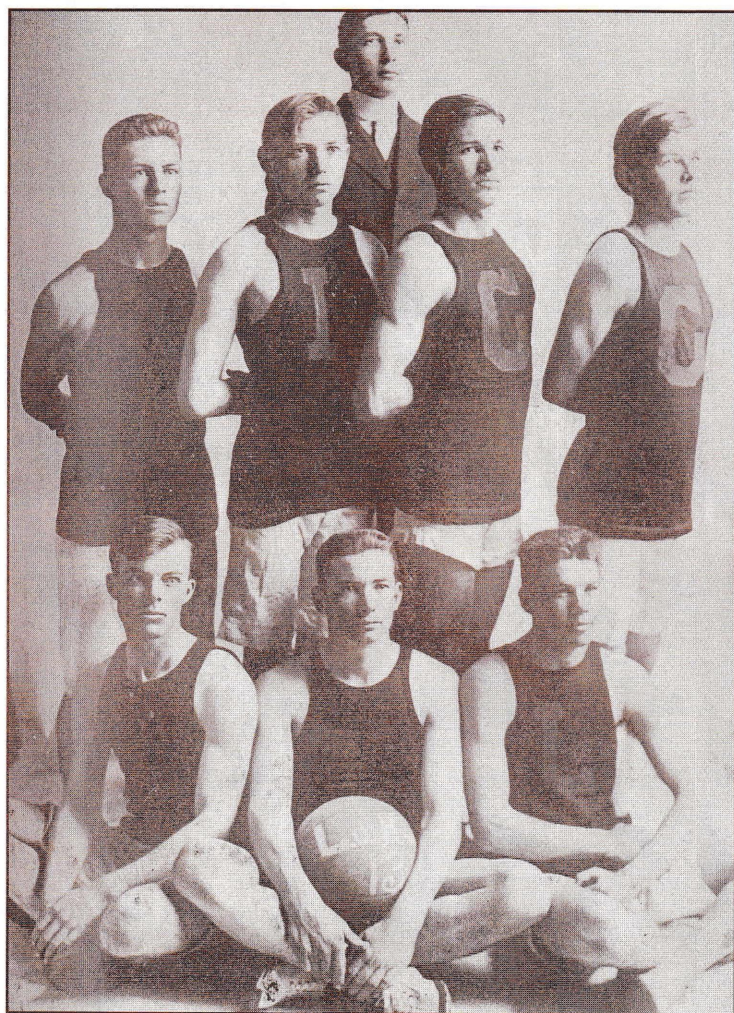
The main building held the regular academic classes; the third level was for the commercial classes. The auditorium, with a roomy balcony, was on the second level and the sewing rooms, cafeteria and dining rooms were located in the basement. The gymnasium and manual training buildings were connected with the main building by extensive pergolas, cement pavement and many columns.

The 646-seat auditorium was equipped in February just in time for the Senior Play. Mr. Bullock and his Manual Training class did some handiwork deemed necessary. Scenery for the stage, in three sets, was painted and installed by Beeman Brothers and was considered unusually artistic. A new Steinway piano completed the auditorium.

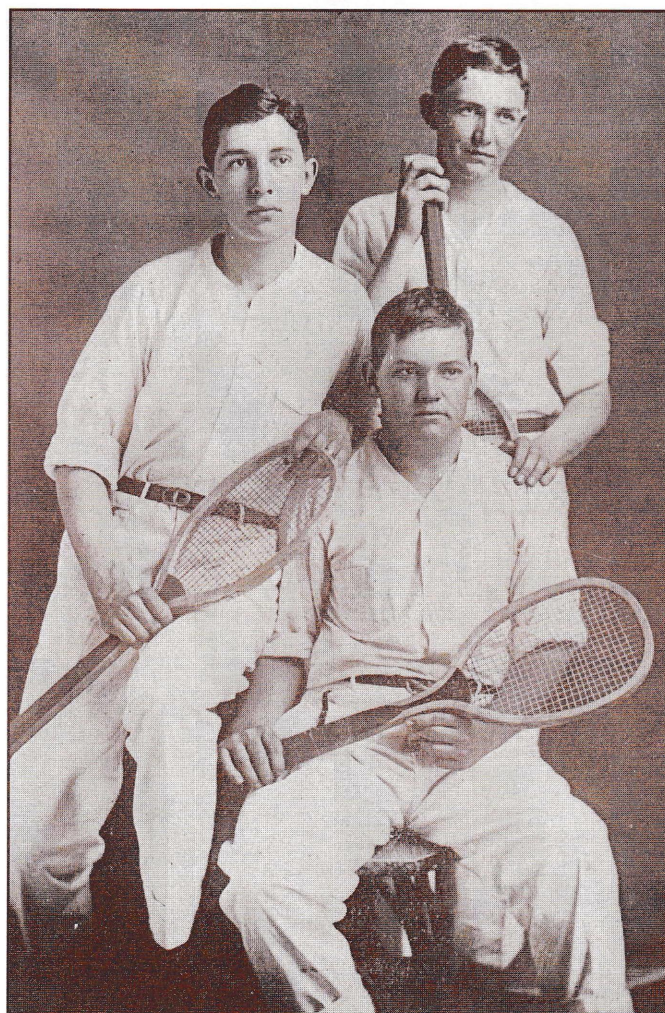
The first fifteen minutes of each morning were spent in the auditorium where the entire student body assembled and roll was taken. Daily activities were held for the entire student body. On Monday morning there was spelling, Tuesday and Thursday singing, Wednesday the students were entertained by reports on current



▲ Lodi High, 1913; The Senior Play, "The Cabinet Minister." Left to right: Frances Wright, Clifford Mason, Joseph Boyd, Ernest Setzer, Marie Murray, Albert Randolph, Everett McKenzie, Earl Darrah, Cecil Green, James Clausen, Ernest Folendorf, Alice Pearson, Helen Limbaugh, Clara Bauer, Irene Cary, Nora Morris, Gladys Garner, and Viola McConley.



▲ The Lodi High Boys' Basketball Team, 1913: Top middle: Cecil Green. Second row, l to r: Edwin Wagner, Theodore Bender, Arthur Tindel, Clarence Wagner. Sitting, l to r: Warren Gum, Everett McKenzie, Captain, and Ernest Folendorf, Manager.



The Lodi High Tennis Team, 1913: Cecil Green, Neil Shank ▲ and James Hammond.

1913 Lodi High Board of Trustees



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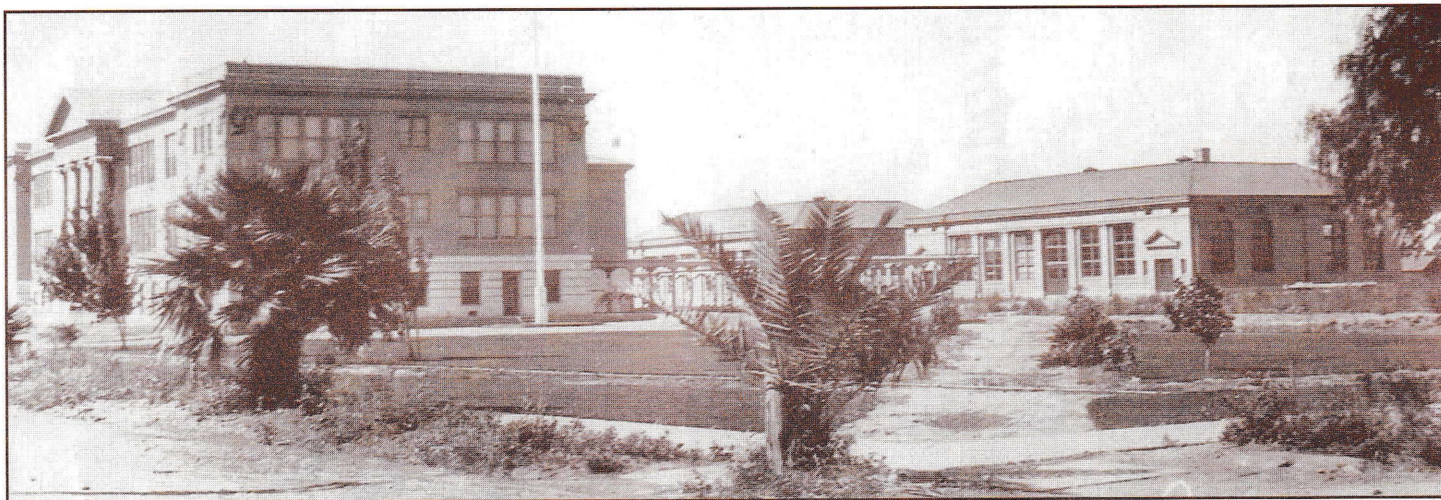
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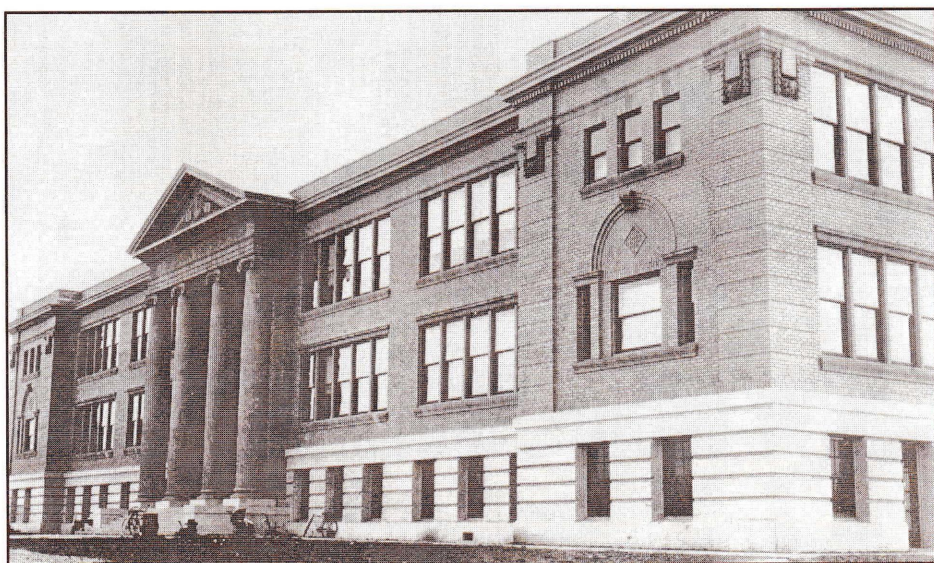
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An early photo of Lodi High School. ▲

events from members of the history classes and on Friday oral expression was scheduled. The English classes alternated in presenting dramatic sketches and readings.

The cafeteria, under the supervision of Mrs. McNees, opened the second semester and served excellent meals at small cost. About forty students worked in the cafeteria to earn their lunch and about 150 were served daily. The kitchen had a fine gas range and every convenience. The rest rooms for the girls and teachers had dainty curtains, easy chairs, tables and sofas. Future plans called for adding a science building and a natatorium (indoor swimming pool) to the existing campus.



Lodi Union High School, circa 1913. ▲



▲ Lodi High Glee Club in 1913 (old school).

By 1916, there was a growing interest in basketball. The games held in the gym were crowded so the boys in shop classes, under the direction of Mr. Dudley, added a balcony to the gym. This was a great improvement and allowed many more students and adults to view the games.

New teachers in 1917 were Miss Ida Rinn, German Instructor; Miss Carrie Ellis, Home Economics and James Conklin, boys basketball coach and athletics. All three teachers were former Lodi High School graduates and returned to teach after college. Other new teachers that year were Miss Barbara McKenzie, Music, Miss Elsie M. Glenney, Chemistry and Miss Francis Albee, girls' gym classes.

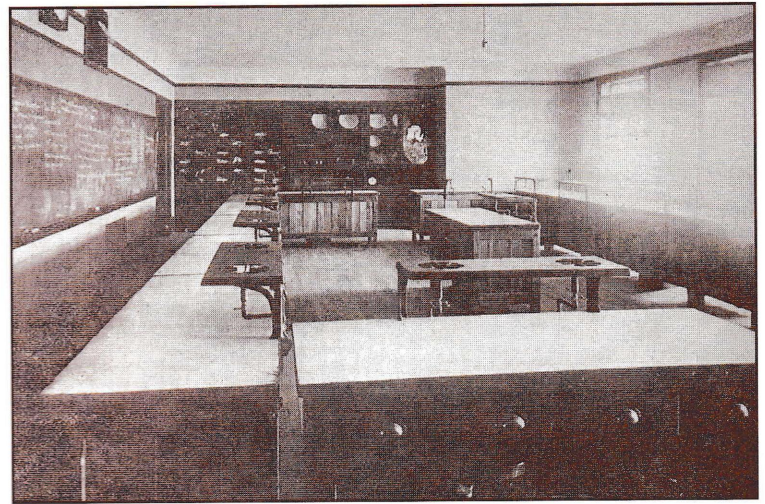
The high school Patriotic League of America proved to be very valuable to the farmers and fruit producers of the area during the war years. There were 252 students, engaged in food production for the war effort. There were nine companies of girls and six companies of boys. The Lodi Chamber of Commerce awarded \$50.00 prizes to Company "E" under Mary Wilder and Company "I" under Sherwood Beckman being judged the best companies. Also helping with the support of troops, Mrs. Erich's cooking class made candy and cookies for the soldiers at Letterman General Hospital in 1920.

The influenza epidemic in 1918 required some alteration of the school calendar. A prescribed amount of work had to be covered for the student to receive a grade. Extra long classes and extra homework made up for the days of "enforced vacations" caused by the epidemic.

With the escalation of the war, Mr. Inch, the principal, announced that the study of German was to be dropped from the course of study. The students who took German received their credits for the term. The following year Spanish was offered.

By 1923, the student body collected enough funds to build a grandstand, complete with dressing rooms and rooms to store sports equipment. Words taken from the 1923 annual tell the story. "With the accumulated student-body funds amounting to about two thousand dollars, the boys, under the direction of Mr. Crose and Mr. McDonald, sheathed up the grandstand, built the dressing rooms and installed the equipment."

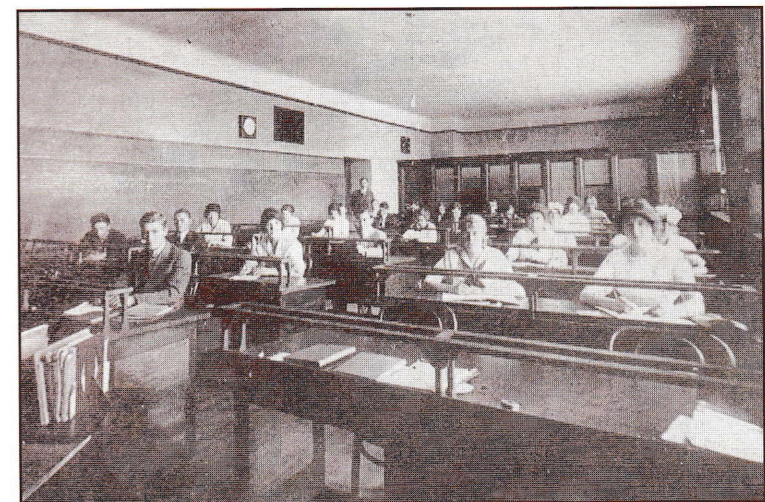
On January 15, 1924, the new buildings were started. The original plans called for a Science Building and a pool. It was also decided to construct a new assembly hall and convert the old auditorium into a library and study hall. By January 26, 1924, excavation was completed for the Science Building. Excavation for the new auditorium was completed a few days later. The class of 1924 was the first class to graduate in new auditorium. Students in the 40's never heard that the early school had an auditorium.



Lodi Union High School, 1914; Domestic Science kitchen rooms in the basement ▲ are adequately equipped for both cooking and sewing classes. Each student in cooking is furnished with a gas burner, aluminum cooking utensils, kitchen knives, measuring cup, egg beater, thermometer and dishes.



Lodi Union High School, 1914; The Manual Training Department Shop consists ▲ of full sets of carpenter tools, emery wheel, band saw, buzz planer, circular saw and wood lathe, all of which are electric-motor driven. Mr. Bullock, instructor.



Lodi Union High School, 1914; Commercial Department. A two-year commercial ▲ course with fine Underwood and Remington typing machines, adding machine and mimeograph. 59 students were taking bookkeeping, typing, stenography, commercial law and penmanship.

Lodi Union

The World War of 1918 had a great effect on the classes of 1917 and 1918. Many students were in the service. The class picture for 1919 and 1920 were taken during summer vacation. The Patriotic League was organized during summer vacation. They picked tomorrow



▲ Lodi High School class of 1913.



▲ Lodi High School class of 1914 (old school).



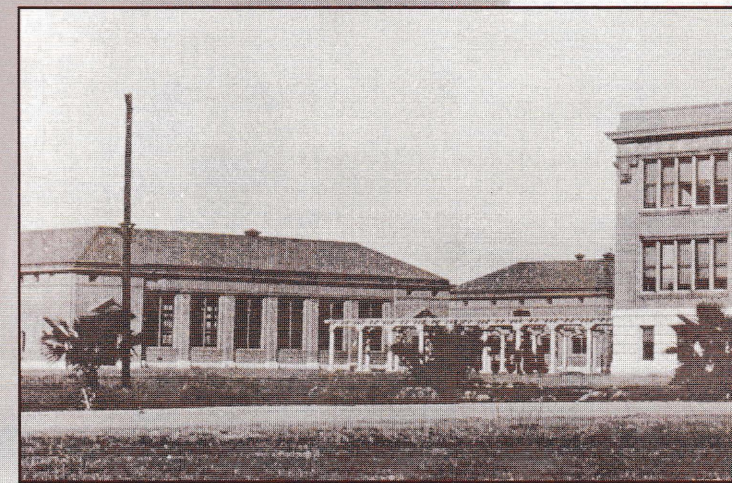
▲ Lodi High School class of 1915, taken in 1913 at old high school.



▲ Lodi High School class of 1916 at old school.



▲ Lodi High School junior class of 1917, taken in 1916.



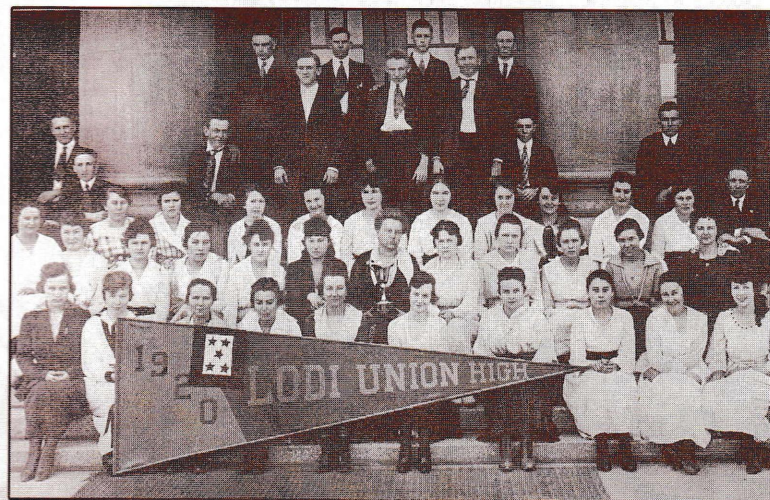
▲ Lodi Union High School, circa 1914.

High School

Lodi High School. One hundred and eight boys and 120 girls of the class of 1920 show the five gold stars, representing the fact that they had 252 students engaged in food production projects and packed fruit at neighboring farms.



▲ Sophomore class of 1918, taken at Lodi High School in 1916.



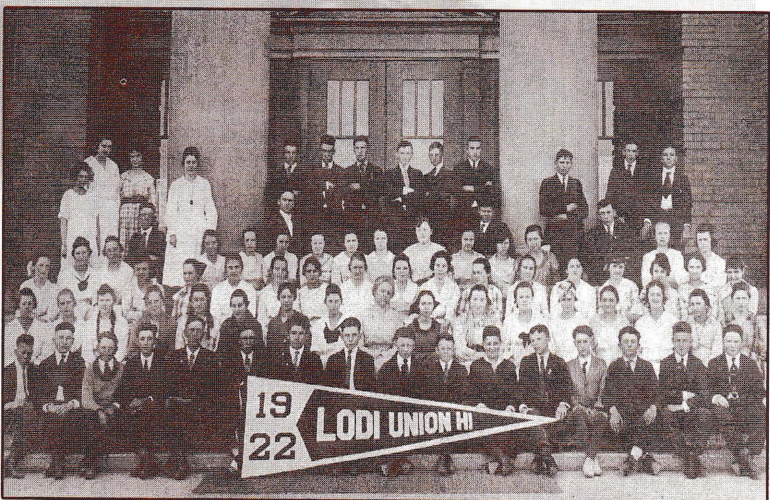
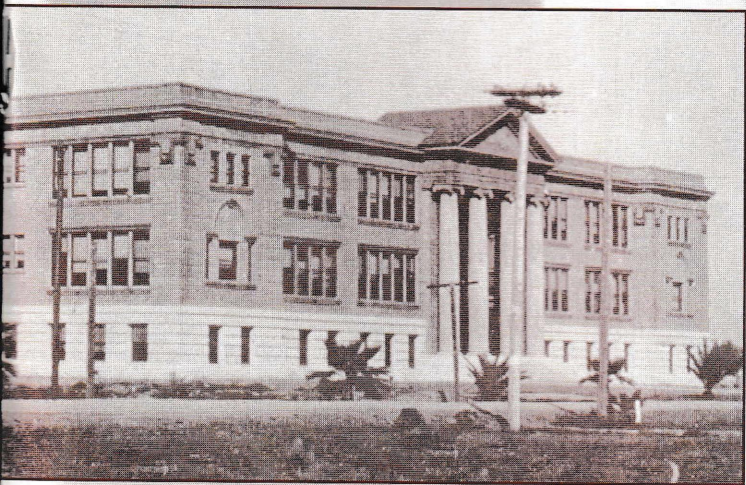
Lodi Union High School Class of 1920. ▲



Lodi Union High School Class of 1919. ▲



Lodi High School class of 1921. ▲



Lodi Union High School freshman class of 1922, taken in 1919. ▲



▲ Lodi Union High School, 1914. The senior class play, "Trelawney of the Wells," ran on February 27 and 28, 1914, marking the opening of the auditorium. The 646 seats were filled both evenings. Joseph Boyd and Margaret McGowen played leading roles.



▲ 1915 Lodi High Boys' Basketball Team; l to r: Howard Remick (F), Raymond Beckman (C), Ambrose Huberty (G), Sherwood Beckman (G), Neil Shanks, Captain (F), Neil Locke (G), Ed Atwood (C), Millard Coleman (G), and Art Tindell, Manager (F).



The 1914 Girls' basketball team. Back row, l to r: Laura Mason, ▲ Eva Adams, Jennie Joens, Edith McKindley. Middle row, l to r: Esther Joens, Irene Cary, Florence Folendorf (Manager), Hazel Neeley. Front: Estella Posey (Captain).



▲ The Orchestra, 1915; l to r: Eugene Hawes, Carrol Duff, Frank Carpenter, Miss Sheffield (leader), Raymond Beckman, Max Schwimley, and Edwin Walters. Sitting: Paul Nesbit, and Floyd Fairchilds.

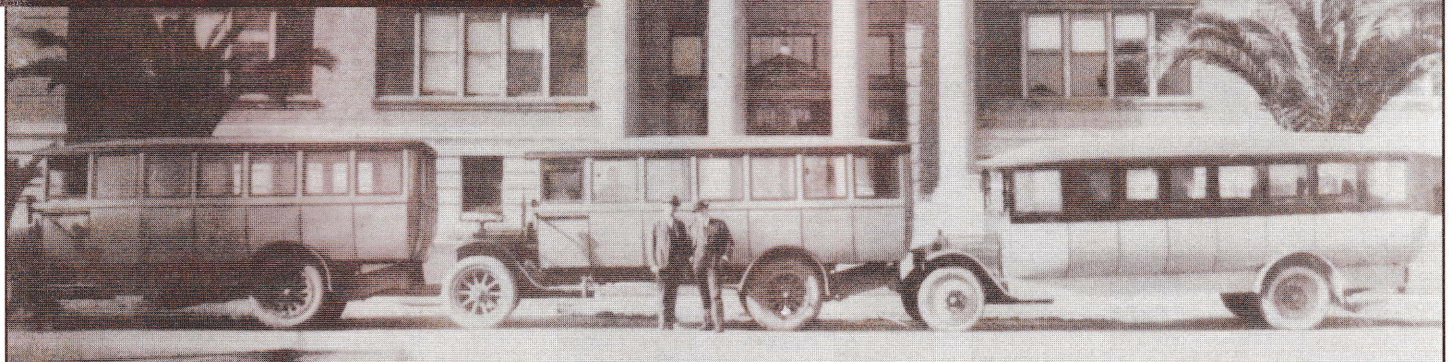
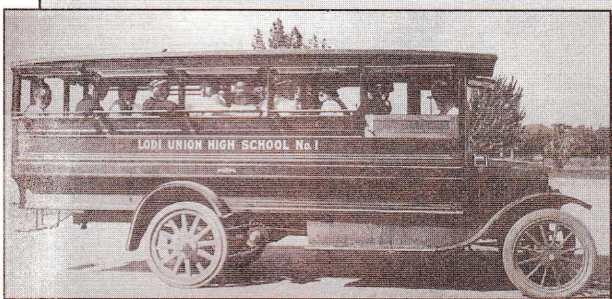
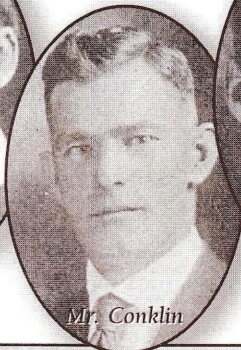
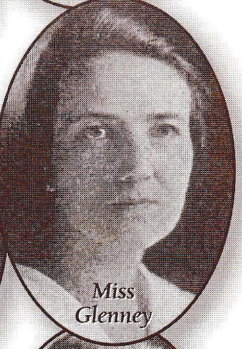
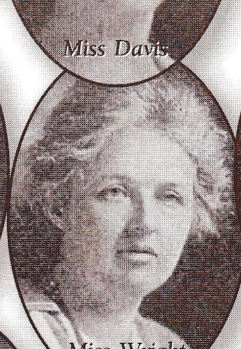


The Debating Team, 1915; left to right: Ruth Huffman, ▲ Carl Turner, Charles Devine, and Gladys Garner.

Lodi High School 1919 Faculty

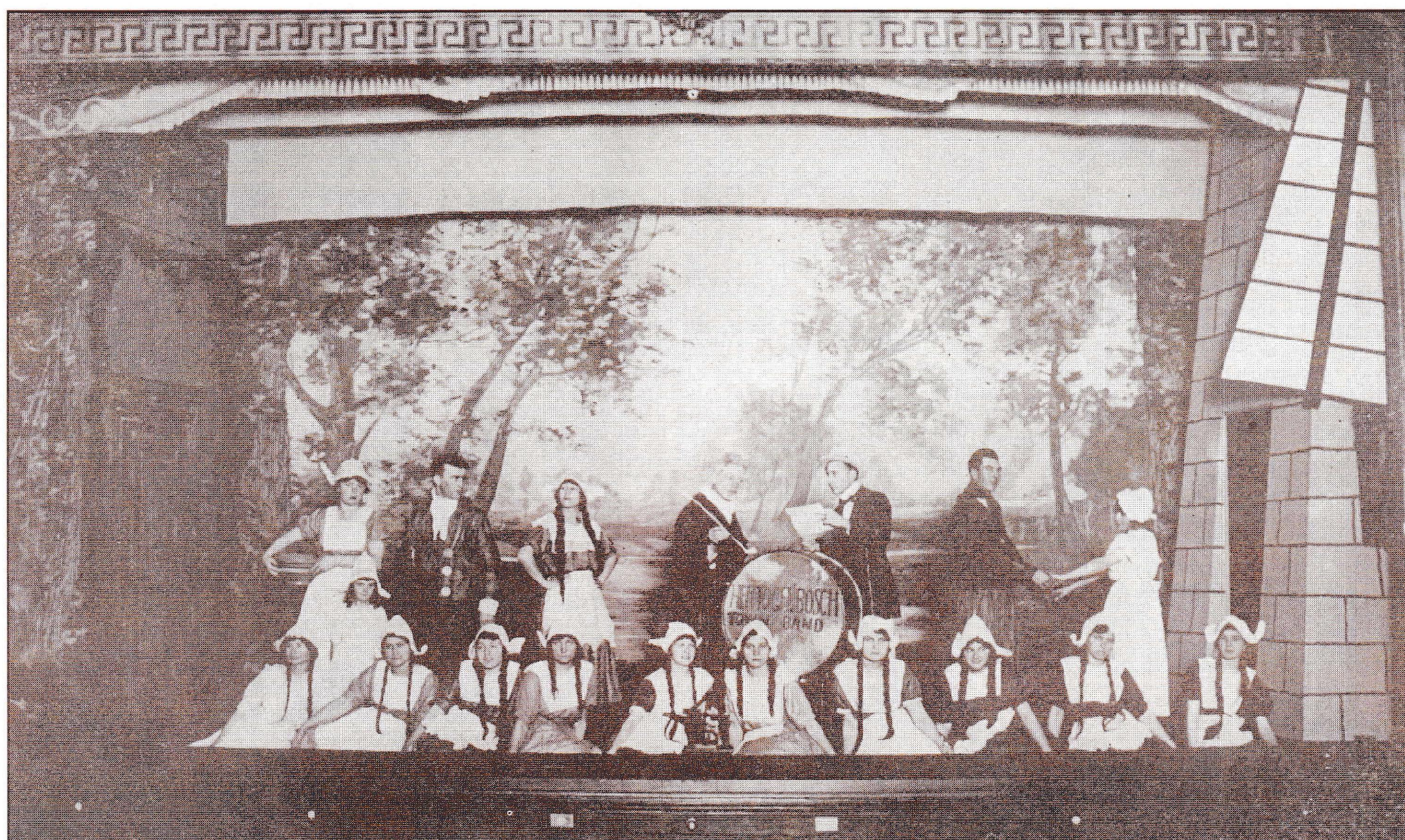


▲ 1915 Lodi High baseball team. Top row, l-r: Frank Carpenter, Howard Remick, Waldo Porterfield, Lawrence Knudsen, Ambrose Huberty. Middle row, l-r: Arthur Tindell, Nathaniel Adams, Edward Atwood, Fred Fujii. Bottom row, l-r: Niel Locke, Carrol Duff, and Raymond Whyers.



Inset: The 1919 Wayne School Car, built by C.F. Weber, San Francisco. It was the first bus to carry twenty students, twenty miles a day.

School buses waiting outside of Lodi Union High School. ▲



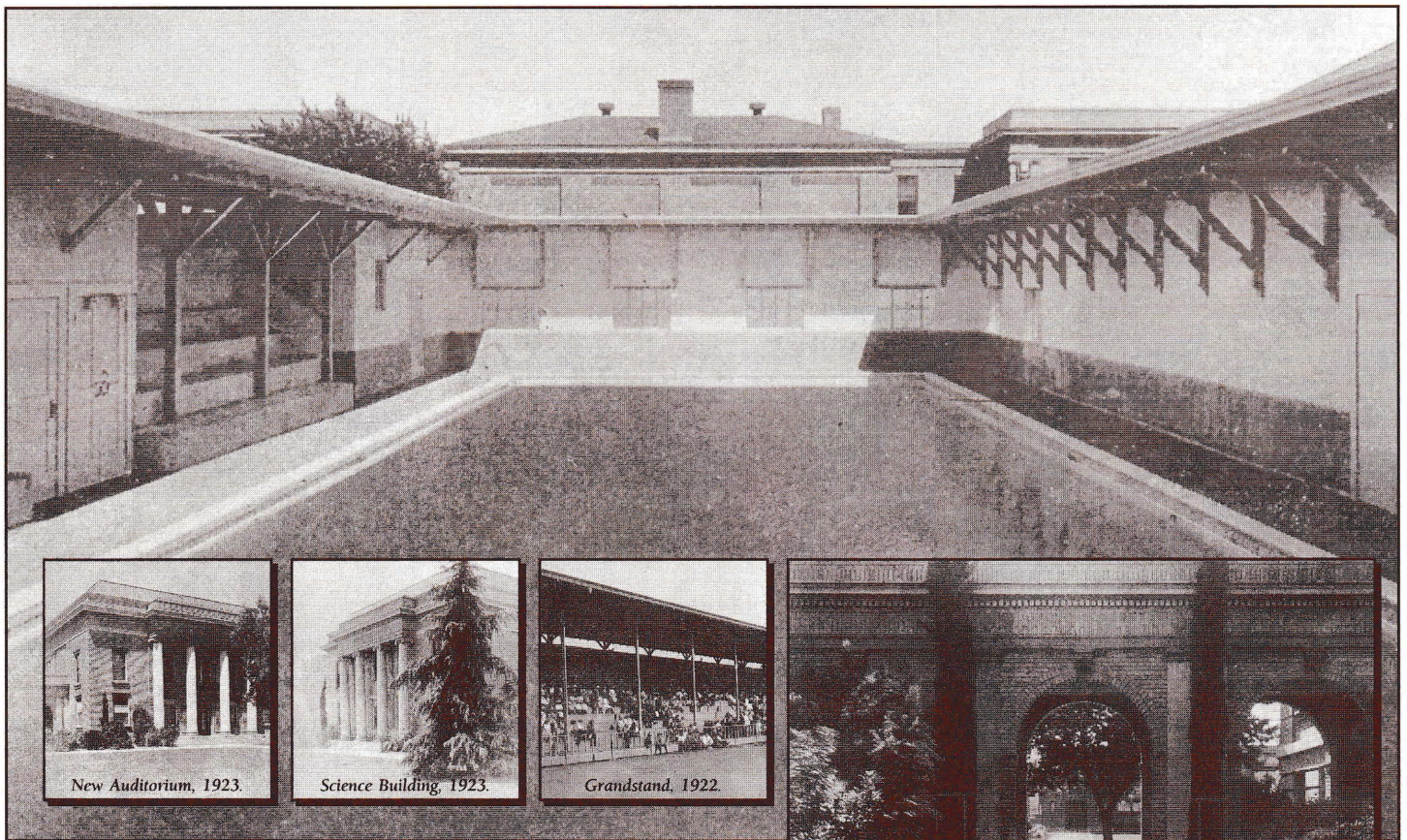
▲ The 1916 Junior Operetta, "The Windmills of Holland," featuring Peter Remple, Bernice Lorenz, Urline Hawkins, Florence Bauer, Carl Fink, Sherwood Beckman, Philima Ferguson, and Merrit Jonz.



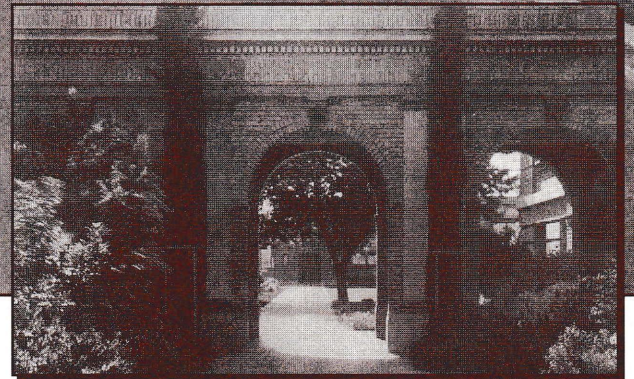
▲ A special ten-month Commercial course was held in 1919, Miss Gladys Christensen was the instructor; Mathilda Hummel, student honored.



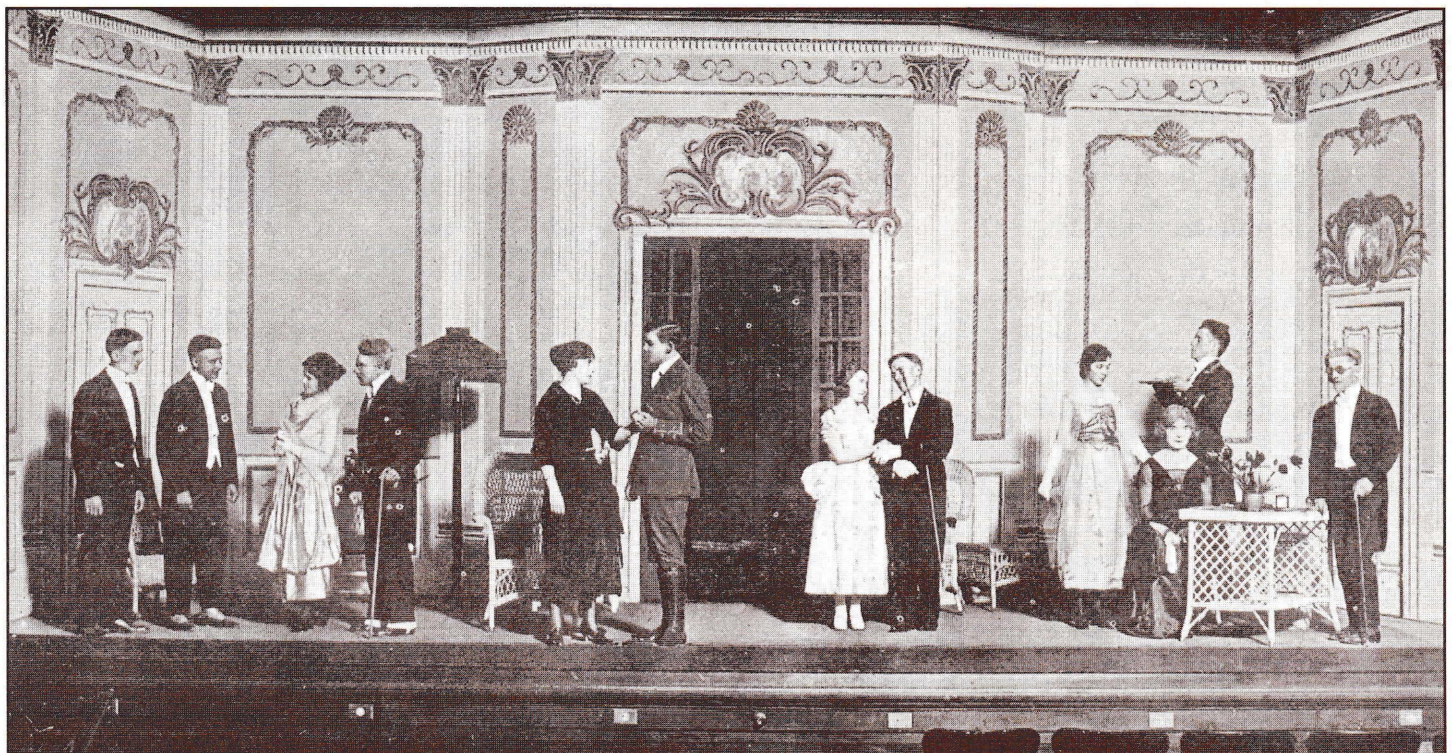
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▲ The Lodi Union High School swimming pool was built between the boys and girls gyms, and was open on top.



The new arcade built in 1923 connected the Science Building ▲ to the main school building.



▲ April 16 and 17th, 1920: Lodi Union High School presented the 3-act comedy, "Green Stockings." Featured: Marion Seho, Wayne Durston, Rita Benedict, Verne Van Vlear, Bessie De Young, Edna Thompson, Elizabeth Smith, Roy Merrill, Alston Coblentz, Robert Rinn, Melvin Sanguinetti, and Ray McKeel.



▲ Two photos above: 1918; The Lodi Union High School Liberty League. The girls and boys still at school during the war joined the Red Cross, raised money and made things such as 49,500 gauze dressings. The students bought saving stamps, collected paper and war knitting for the boys.

► The Lodi Union High School Band, 1920.



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▲ Girls happily relaxing on Lodi Union High School, with its new large open space schoolyard.